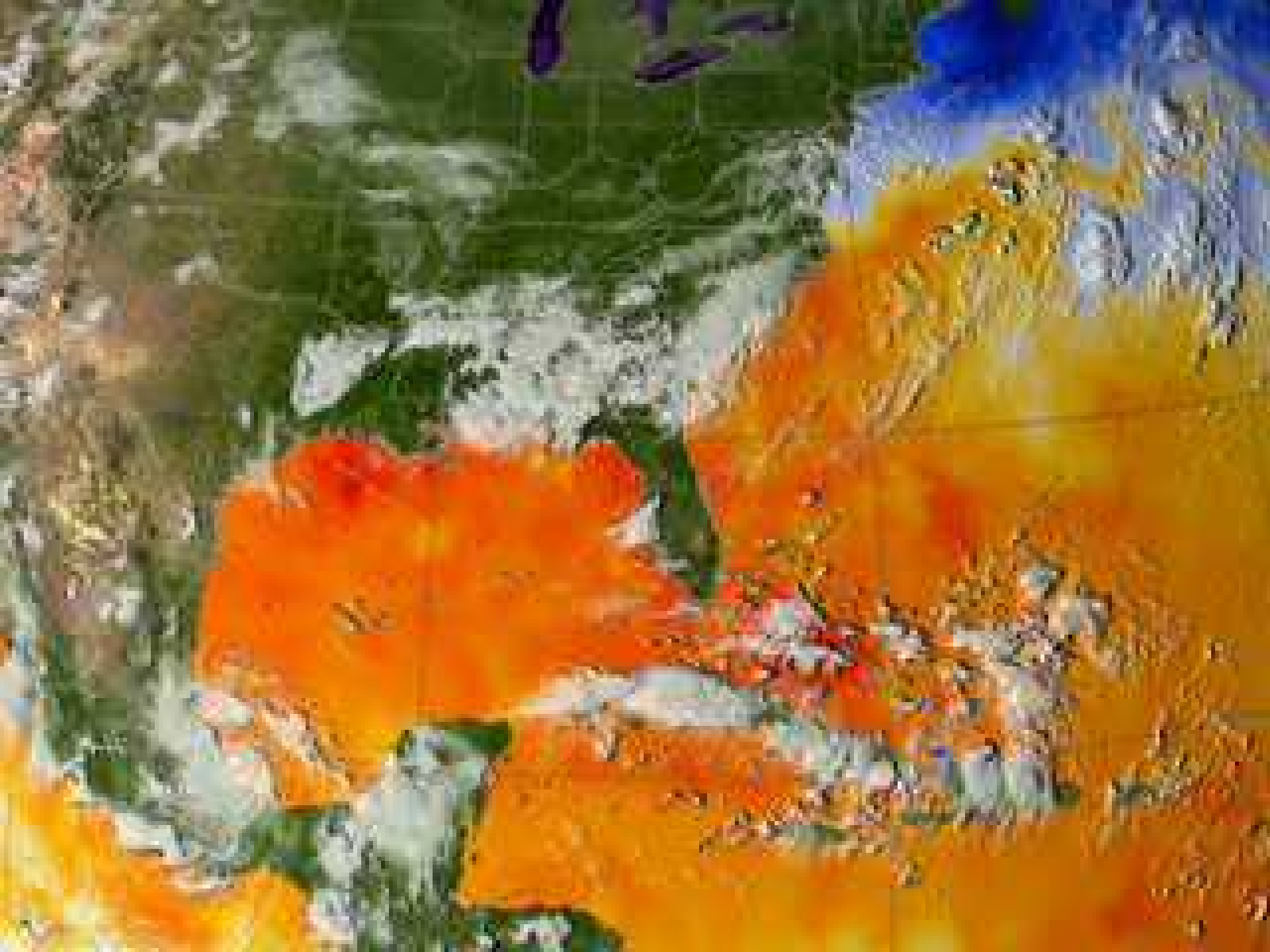


Hurricane Katrina impacted southern Florida as a strong *Category 2* storm.

The storm then tracked through warmer water in the Gulf of Mexico and strengthened to a catastrophic *Category 5*.

Shortly before the eye made landfall near the Louisiana - Mississippi border the storm reduced in intensity to a *Category 4* storm.





**At the time of impact in the Gulf of Mexico
the storm was enormous.**

**At nearly the size of the State of Texas, the
storm had a tropical storm impact zone of
more than 300 miles with a hurricane
impact zone of more than 100 miles out
from the center of circulation.**













































Impact on the Gulf Region

Catastrophic Devastation

Massive Flooding

1.4 million people without power

Thousands homeless

**Hundreds dead with many more
missing**

**Interstates and major thoroughfares
flooded out or destroyed.**

**Critical human health infrastructure
completely non-existent**



Through it All Hope Survives













































